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In re the Application of:

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Application No.: 09/623,793

Examiner: Samuel P. Siefke

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For: APPARATUS FOR THE STERILE TRANSFER OF FLUIDS

**STATUS INQUIRY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the status of the above-identified application, particularly, when Applicants will receive the next Office Action on the merits of the above-identified application. Applicants, by their attorney, filed an Amendment via facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 20, 2004 and have not received a response from the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully submit that there is no fee required for this submission, however, please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1088.

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